(c) the measures being taken by Government to avoid such accidents?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The reasons behind such incidents are being analyzed from time to time and suitable policy instructions/guidelines are issued to minimize such accidents.

Use of private trucks by MoD for transportation of its goods

2548. SHRI RAMAMUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY: Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Defence is using private trucks for transporting goods/arms/ammunition of the Ministry from one place to another; and

(b) if so, the number of trucks the Ministry, on an average is using per year for transporting its goods?

THE MINISTER OF DEFENCE (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Different types of civil transport such as, trucks, light vehicles and buses are hired by the formation/units of Defence Forces. Separate details of hiring trucks are maintained at the field formation and unit/depot level and are not available at the Ministry/Army Headquarters. However, the total amount spent on hiring of all types of civil transport, including trucks, during the last three years is as given below:

(Rs. in crores)

Financial Year		Amount
1999-2000	—	166.84
2000-2001	—	151.10
2001-2002 (Upto February 2002)	—	116.02